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**CORRECTION: The name of Henderson's air charter business is Corporate Air, Inc. It was incorrectly named by our November 10 release as Air Charter Express.**

### **NORTH LITTLE ROCK PILOT SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE METHAMPHETAMINE**

**Little Rock** - Jane W. Duke, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, announced that former pilot Joseph Henderson, III, age 42, was sentenced to 52 months imprisonment by United States District Judge G. Thomas Eisele for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

From 2000 through 2008, Joseph Henderson, III, was a charter pilot who owned and operated **Corporate Air, Inc.**, a charter air service flying out of the North Little Rock Municipal Airport. In 2007, North Little Rock Police and Pulaski County Sheriff's deputies began receiving information that Henderson was dealing methamphetamine from his airplane hanger at the North Little Rock Municipal Airport. As part of an ensuing investigation, a number of witnesses provided sworn statements that they were introduced to Henderson for the purpose of buying and selling methamphetamine, or that they met Henderson and soon after became aware that he was dealing in methamphetamine. Over the course of the conspiracy, Henderson was involved in the distribution of multiple pounds of methamphetamine in the Little Rock and North Little Rock areas. In September 2008, a federal indictment was issued for Henderson, and he was arrested after coming from his residence in Little Rock and driving away in his vehicle. Upon arrest, methamphetamine and a smoking pipe were located on his person.

Henderson was remanded to custody of the United States Marshal in August 2009 after violating conditions of his pretrial release. He has remained in custody ever since. After today's

sentencing, Henderson was once again remanded to the custody of the Marshal to await designation of an correctional institution by the Bureau of Prisons.

Henderson's sentence is the result of a guilty plea he entered on September 2, 2009 to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, an offense carrying a statutory penalty of 10 years to life in prison. Henderson's plea agreement mitigated his exposure under the statute.

This case was investigated by the North Little Rock Police Department, the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department, and the Little Rock Field Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Assistant United States Attorney Anne E. Gardner prosecuted this case for the United States.

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